

WINDHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 1, 2010

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle

BOARD ABSENT: Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Lambert, Dr. Switchenko, Mr. Sewall

ALSO: Superintendent Mrs. Fuller, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Mr. Murphy, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Student A, and Parent of Student A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Folan called the February 1, 2010, special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 P.M., in the superintendent's office, room 220, second floor, Kramer building.

(136) Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to a student matter at 6:01 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 4-0; unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle

ALSO: Superintendent Mrs. Fuller, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Mr. Murphy, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Student A, and Parent of Student A

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 6:14 P.M.

No motions or further action was taken with regards to the student matter.

(137) Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board take a recess at 6:16 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 4-0; unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 6:50 P.M.

(138) Motion of Mrs. Rayhall, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Board enter into executive session for discussion of exempt documents pertaining to a student matter at 6:51 P.M.

On the motion: Aye, 4-0; unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Mr. Folan, Vice-chair Mrs. Rayhall, Mr. Adamo, Mr. Doyle

ALSO: Superintendent Mrs. Fuller, Shipman & Goodwin Attorney Mr. Murphy, Windham High School Principal Mr. Blain, Interpreter ms. Sonia Aponte, Student B, and Parent of Student B.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

Chair Mr. Folan reconvened regular session at 7:45 P.M.

(139) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that the Windham Board of Education finds, based on the evidence in the record, that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on January 15, 2010, possess brass knuckles on school property, which violated a publicized policy of the Board, endangered persons or property, endangered persons or property, and was seriously disruptive of the educational process. As a result of the above findings, the Windham Board of Education concludes that the student who is the subject of this hearing did commit an expellable offense. Moved further that the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from the Windham Public Schools until January 14, 2011. And moved further that the student may be permitted to re-enter school effective February 3, 2010 on a probationary status, if the student complies with all of the following conditions, as determined by the Administration: (1) Comply with all Board of Education policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct; (2) Comply with Windham high School student handbook provisions on student behavior; and (3) complete an attendance contract with the administration concerning both (a) daily attendance and (b) call attendance. If the student is readmitted to the Windham Public Schools on a probationary status, the student will be on disciplinary probation for the rest of the full expulsion period. If the administration determines that the student has failed to satisfy the conditions set forth in this motion or has committed any suspendable or expellable offense during the expulsion period, the probation period shall cease and the administration shall reinstate the student's expulsion for the remainder of the expulsion period. During the period of the expulsion, the student shall not be allowed to enter any school property and/or participate in any school-sponsored events and activities.

On the motion: Aye, 4-0; unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

(140) Motion of Mr. Adamo, seconded by Mrs. Rayhall, that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 7:48 P.M.

On the motion: 4-0; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

John Adamo, Secretary